

REGULAR SESSION OF THE
BRIGHAM CITY COUNCIL
June 29, 2006

PRESENT:	Lou Ann Christensen	Mayor
	Jon Adams	Councilmember
	Holly Bell	Councilmember
	Alden Farr	Councilmember
	Reese Jensen	Councilmember
	Steve Hill	Councilmember
ALSO PRESENT:	Jim Buchanan	Director of Emergency Services
	Blake Foncesbeck	Director of Public Works
	Bruce Leonard	City Administrator
	Raymond Poulson	Superintendent of Waste Treatment Plan
	Dennis Sheffield	Director of Finance/Deputy City Recorder
	Mark Teuscher	Community Development Supervisor/City Planner
	Paul Tittensor	Chief of Police

Mayor Christensen called the meeting to order. The scouts in the audience led the Pledge of Allegiance. The Reverence Period was given by Mr. Sheffield. A motion to approve the minutes of June 15, 2006 was made by Councilmember Bell. The motion was seconded and carried. Mayor Christensen presented the agenda as follows:

PRESENTATION OF "EVERYDAY HERO" AWARD

PUBLIC COMMENT

CONSENT

- Request for Approval of Resolution Increasing Storm Drain Utility Fees
- Request for Approval of Resolution Increasing the Fee for Garbage, First Can Only
- Request for Approval of Resolution Increasing Water Rates
- Request to Approve Certified Tax Rate
- New Hire, Human Resource Coordinator
- New Hire, Fleet Department and Request to Live Outside City Limits

PUBLIC HEARING

- Adjust 2005-06 City Budget of the Various Funds and Departments to Reflect the Changes Recommended by the City Council

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

- Request for Approval of Resolution of Support for the Creation of the Bear River Health Department's Medical Reserve Corps

NEW BUSINESS

- Recognition for 25 Years of Weather Observation in Cooperation with the National Weather Service
- Request to Review Mileage Fee for Use of Police Vehicles for Officers Living Outside of Brigham City

PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS

- Request for Approval of Power Sports Subdivision Phase II

OTHER BUSINESS

- Schedule Work Session to Discuss Legislative Issues *(added)*

CLAIMS

- Payment Register

Councilmember Jensen made a motion to approve the agenda as amended. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously.

PRESENTATION OF "EVERYDAY HERO" AWARD

Mayor Christensen presented the team Everyday Hero Award to the Shade Tree Commission. Member include Floyd Reichard, Mary Coleman, Adele Woodworth, Phyllis Nielsen and Mike Phillips. They were nominated for conducting the Arbor Day Program for 17 years, and because of this group Brigham City has been designated a "Tree City U.S.A." With the help of the City Forester, they also monitor tree removal requests and encourage property owners to replace any tree removed with a proper tree.

The Mayor presented the individual Everyday Hero Award to Leon Hyde, Chairperson of the Volunteers in Police Service (VIPs). Mr. Jim Buchanan nominated Mr. Hyde because he has been an instrumental part of the VIPS program. He was selected as Chairperson and has worked tirelessly to put together a top notch organization. The VIPS program of Brigham City is known around the state as one of the best organized and very proactive organization. It is a model for others to follow. During the organization of the group, Mr. Hyde spent many hours in developing the ordinance that created the group and gave it meaning. Once that was completed, he started on the development of the by-laws for the organization. Again many hours were spent developing workable by-laws that allowed the organization to function as an effective group. He has organized working groups in each one of the six response districts that the City has developed. He then assisted Mr. Buchanan in the rewrite of the Citizen Corps Council ordinance. He again spent countless hours in the development of a new ordinance that allows the Citizen Corps Council to function. He met with individual members of the Corps to gain their insight and perspective of how the organization should run. This made Mr. Buchanan's job much easier and the end result is the Citizen Corps Council is looked at as a model for others to follow. Mr. Hyde has taken the vision of the VIPS program and made it happen. The VIPS program has donated countless hours to the Police Department and the City. Without the VIPS overtime funds would have to have been spent to cover the events that the City hosts. It is because of Mr. Hyde's time commitment that other organizations within the Citizen Corps Council are functioning as smoothly as they are.

PUBLIC COMMENT

There were no comments from the public.

CONSENT

Request for Approval of Resolution Increasing Storm Drain Utility Fees

A resolution was presented to increase storm drain utility rates to \$6.25 per month.

Request for Approval of Resolution Increasing the Fee for Garbage, First Can Only

It was recommended a resolution be approved to increase the rate of a first can to \$8.41 per month.

Request for Approval of Resolution Increasing Water Rates

It was requested the resolution increasing water rates to \$8.50 for minium usage and \$1.20 for 1,000 gallons overage be approved.

Request to Approve Certified Tax Rate

It was recommended the certified tax rate received from the County be approved.

New Hire, Human Resource Coordinator

It was recommended Rick Bosworth be hired as the Human Resource Coordinator, Grade E56, effective July 17, 2006.

New Hire, Fleet Department and Request to Live Outside City Limits

Mr. James Openshaw was recommended for hire as the Fleet Manager, Grade E53, effective July 17, 2006.

MOTION: A motion to approve the Consent Agenda was made by Councilmember Farr, seconded by Councilmember Jensen and unanimously carried.

PUBLIC HEARING

Adjust 2005-06 City Budget of the Various Funds and Departments to Reflect the Changes Recommended by the City Council

Mr. Sheffield came forward and explained that this item is to adjust the 2005-06. The budget was adopted in June 2005; however, there are ongoing changes throughout the year. There were unanticipated revenues and expenditures as outlined in the handout he provided to the Council.

A motion to open the public hearing was made by Councilmember Adams, seconded and carried. There were no comments from the public. A motion to close the public hearing was made by Councilmember Jensen, seconded and carried.

MOTION: Councilmember Adams made a motion to adopt the resolution authorizing adjustments to the 2005-06 budget previously adopted by Brigham City Corporation and transferring of appropriated balances between departments within the same fund. The motion was seconded by Councilmember Bell and unanimously carried.

SCHEDULED DELEGATION

Request for Approval of Resolution of Support for the Creation of the Bear River Health Department's Medical Reserve Corps

Mr. Kevin Christensen from the Bear River Health Department came forward and explained that on September 11, 2001, the country found that we need to be able to respond to emergencies in a differently than we have been. In New York City on that day, there was a medical convention, and once the planes hit the Twin Towers, the convention dismissed their members and many of these members responded to Ground Zero to provide assistance. When they got there, they were asked to leave because they were causing confusion. One might ask why such qualified people would be dismissed from an area that needed assistance so badly. The reason was because they were not pre-identified nor were they pre-qualified. Another concern was that they were not pre-trained to respond in this kind of situation. In 2002, President Bush requested communities create Medical Reserve Corps to present an opportunity for volunteers who were pre-identified, pre-qualified and pre-trained to respond to an emergency. These Corps consist of three types of people: 1) those who are licensed; 2) those who are not licensed; 3) non-medical personnel, or support staff. In 2004 the State of Utah passed a law to allow Health Departments to create Medical Reserve Corps. With this law, the Health Departments can also provide licenses for medical people who have retired, as long as their licenses have been valid within the last ten years. In 2003, the Bear River Health Department created the first Medical Reserve Corps in the State of Utah. It was initially called the Cache County Medical Reserve Corps, but has since been changed to Bear River Medical Reserve Corps. They have begun the process of putting together a segment of that Corps in the Box Elder County. They have structured a steering committee consisting of law enforcement, emergency managers, Martha Harrison, a member of the Hispanic community, Tribal community, and local hospitals, nurse's association, physician's association and a business community member and some content experts. Mr. Christensen said they have identified some federal and state funding resources.

MOTION: A motion to approve the resolution supporting the creation of the Bear River Health Department's Medical Reserve Corps was made by Councilmember Hill, seconded by Councilmember Bell and unanimously carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Recognition for 25 Years of Weather Observation in Cooperation with the National Weather Service

Mr. Raymond Poulson came forward and stated that he was recently presented with a Honored Institution Award from the National Weather Service. He felt this should be presented to all the Waste Treatment employees because they are the ones who take the readings. He presented the plaque to the employees of the department for their continued commitment to this task. He expressed appreciation to Sandy Smith who has to take the entries and decipher the numbers and prepare and distribute the monthly report.

The Mayor and Council thanked the Waste Treatment Department for their efforts.

Request to Review Mileage Fee for Use of Police Vehicles for Officers Living Outside of Brigham City

Chief Tittensor came to the table and said the City currently charges officers a monthly fee if they live outside an 11 mile radius from the City. He recommended an increase in this fee due to the increased cost of fuel. He suggested a percentage increase to reflect the percentage of fuel prices, or 60%.

Councilmember Adams suggested the Mileage Committee review the Chief's recommendations and get input from the officers. He also recommended this be compared with other city's Police Departments comparable in size to Brigham City's. This should be compared with overall benefits, not just the cost of fuel. He added that the officers should not be penalized for providing a service. The Mayor said she would like the Mileage Committee to also look at the overall fairness issue of City-wide vehicles and the increase of fuel for those employees who receive mileage reimbursement. When the Committee initially met, the IRS mileage rate went up, so the Committee felt this took care of the concerns. However, since that time the IRS rates have gone down. Some employees feel they are subsidizing the City on their mileage. Councilmember Adams said there are two categories. One is what the City pays to operate a vehicle; the other is what the City charges employees to drive a City vehicle. Whether it be police officers or standby employees, the City benefits from them driving their vehicles home rather than parking them in the City parking lot. The City would not only have to house these vehicles, but there will be employees that cannot respond to an emergency as quickly if they did not have their vehicles at home.

MOTION: Councilmember Adams made a motion to have the Mileage Committee look at the fee for officers living outside an 11 mile radius, the overall fairness of the City issues, as well as the mileage fee for those employees being reimbursed for mileage. Councilmember Farr suggested all parties involved be included on the Committee. The motion was seconded and unanimously carried.

PLANNING COMMISSION BUSINESS

Request for Approval of Power Sports Subdivision Phase II

Mr. Teuscher explained that this is the final approval for a two-lot subdivision on 1100 and 450 West.

MOTION: Councilmember Hill made a motion to approve Power Sports Subdivision Phase II, seconded by Councilmember Farr and unanimously carried.

OTHER BUSINESS

Schedule Work Session to Discuss Legislative Issues

Mayor Christensen explained that at the last Utah League of Cities and Towns meeting, an article from the Deseret News was discussed. She read a paragraph from that article, *"Local governments also takes a large share of taxes. Often for things that accomplish little. Cities along the Wasatch Front are in a frenzied battle with each other over retail boondoggles, such as professional soccer stadium and things like recreation centers that compete with private business. In the end, they use tax incentives as a lure, costing the residents dearly and offering little return."* The Mayor said this indicates government has a long way to go in educating the public as far as what municipalities do. The League suggested each municipality meet with the legislators and start the process of helping them understand what cities' needs are, what is coming up with the legislative issues in the next legislative session, and start that dialogue early. She suggested selecting a few dates when the Council can meet and then see if Senator Knudson, Representatives Ferry and Menlove can meet any of those dates. She added that this will only be a beginning step. The Council will have many, many more conversations between now and when the legislature starts in January. The Council suggested August 3 and 31. The Mayor's Office will contact Senator Knudson and the Representatives to see if they can meet on either of these dates.

CLAIMS

Payment Register

Councilmember Adams moved to approve General Claims dated June 20, 2006 in the amount of \$455,198.95; for June 27, \$151,784.12. The motion was seconded and carried.

A motion to adjourn to a Redevelopment Agency was made by Councilmember Farr. The motion was seconded and carried unanimously. The meeting adjourned to a Redevelopment meeting at 8:05 p.m.